

**BY:** Senator KAPLAN

**COMMENDING** the Great Neck Chinese Association upon  
the occasion of hosting its Chinese New Year  
Celebration on January 26, 2020

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those enduring organizations which faithfully devote their resources and purposeful energies to improving the quality and dignity of life in the communities they serve, and to preserving their cultural heritage; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Great Neck Chinese Association upon the occasion of hosting its Chinese New Year Celebration to be held at the Great Neck North Middle School, on Sunday, January 26, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** Founded in 1995, the Great Neck Chinese Association (GNCA) is a non-profit organization that serves the Great Neck Chinese community; this year marks its 20th Anniversary; and

**WHEREAS,** GNCA's mission is HAPPY: H: help new Chinese residents to integrate into the Great Neck community, A: advocate for the common good for its members, P: promote understanding of its culture and its people, P: promote community services and social involvement, and Y: yield a harmonious and happy living environment for all in Great Neck; and

**WHEREAS,** GNCA serves its mission by engaging in the following activities: works with Great Neck schools and community leaders to promote better understanding and acceptance of Chinese culture and Chinese residents; hosts social and fun activities to bring Chinese community members together; organizes entertainments and educational events to promote culture exchange with other communities; promotes community services and provides resources to encourage social involvement by its members; and provides a venue for its members to network and exchange ideas and a platform for its members to interact with other organizations, local leaders and the Great Neck public on issues relating to the interest of the organization; and

**WHEREAS,** On January 25, 2020, in accordance with their calendar and beliefs, Asian Americans will joyously usher in the Year of the Rat, 4718; and

**WHEREAS,** People born in the Year of the Rat are known to place a great amount of value on family and to be content living a quiet and peaceful life; and

**WHEREAS,** Those born under the sign of the Rat are quick thinkers, clever, and hardworking, likely to gain wealth; and

**WHEREAS,** When working, those born under the sign of the Rat are able

to easily adapt to new environments, are very organized and are successful in their fields; and

**WHEREAS,** GNCA welcomes all to partake in the celebration of the Chinese New Year, and to join in the positive spirit which this event brings to Asian Americans and the Great Neck community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Great Neck Chinese Association upon the occasion of hosting its Chinese New Year Celebration; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Great Neck Chinese Association.